



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Public Safety
AGENDA DATE: December 13, 2023
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Emergency Management
EXECUTIVE: Jon Fortune

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency passed through the Texas Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division for the FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program, which includes the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (Federal/State Award ID No. EMW-2023-SS-00025/Grant Nos. 2980309, 3418207, 2979906, 2980506, 3698806, 3176408, 4902901, 4902601, 2980709, and 4847501, Assistance Listing No. 97.067) to provide funding for activities related to enhancing preparedness and building capacity to prepare for, prevent and respond to terrorist attacks in the amount of \$6,598,577.53 for the period January 1, 2024 through February 28, 2026; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$6,584,577.53 in the 2023 Homeland Security - Urban Area Security Initiative 23-25 Fund and in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00 in the DHS-2023 State Homeland Security Grant 23-24 Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$6,584,577.53 in the 2023 Homeland Security - Urban Area Security Initiative 23-25 Fund and in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00 in the DHS-2023 State Homeland Security Grant 23-24 Fund; **(4)** disbursements in the amount of \$45,000.00 to the North Central Texas Council of Governments for management and administration of the grant; and **(5)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$6,598,577.53 - Financing: U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

The DHS was created in 2002 and began releasing funds to state and local governments through grant programs. Since 2003, the City of Dallas has received over \$130 million in grant funds under the initiatives that make up the Homeland Security Grant Program. To facilitate the distribution of these federal funds, each state is required to establish a State Administrative Agency (SAA) to administer and distribute the grant funding to local governments. In Texas, the SAA has been established within the Texas Office of the Governor.

These initiatives provide funding for equipment acquisition and planning and training activities to increase the ability of the City of Dallas to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters all linked to a terrorism nexus. Some of the activities that these funds support include planning and training for first responders and departmental staff, as well as for citizens participating in the Citizen Emergency Response Team and a public awareness campaign. Additionally, these funds are also used to assist departments with meeting national, state and regional preparedness goals through the procurement of equipment for various initiatives such as increasing interoperability during incidents.

Each initiative focuses on a component of the overall needs of Dallas to respond in conjunction with state and federal agencies during times of natural and man-made disasters. UASI focuses on the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, with specific carve outs for Law Enforcement (LE) activities and Management and Administration (M&A) of the grant.

Previous funding from the Homeland Security Grant Program has been used for equipment and programs to support public safety and homeland security initiatives.

Listed below are the levels of funding for each initiative:

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| UASI | \$4,058,591.96 |
| UASI-LE | \$2,293,527.50 |
| UASI-M&A | \$ 232,458.07 |
| State Homeland Security Grant | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Homeland Security Grant Program Total: | \$6,598,577.53 |

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On November 11, 2020, the City Council authorized the acceptance of the 2020 Homeland Security Grant from DHS, which includes the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 20-1782.

On December 8, 2021, the City Council authorized the acceptance of the 2021 Homeland Security Grant from DHS, which includes the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 21-1975.

On December 14, 2022, the City Council authorized the acceptance of the 2022 Homeland Security Grant from DHS, which includes the Urban Area Security Initiative and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 22-1776.

FISCAL INFORMATION

| Fund | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | Future Years |
|--|----------------|---------|--------------|
| U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Funds | \$6,598,577.53 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |